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RAILROAD MEETING.

The public meeting in the Council Chamber on Monday night to discuss the proposed branch Railroad from Richmond Hill Station to this village was fairly representative and large in point of number. The conclusion arrived at, and the decision made, were the outcome of neither hasty nor slovenly consideration. Both sides of the shield were brought out in strong relief. The burdens to be entailed, the difficulties to be met, no less than the advantages to be derived, were fully stated. No attempt was made to conceal the fact that the enterprise is of a very serious kind, especially when undertaken by such a small municipality as Richmond Hill. It was freely admitted, however, that a great portion of the prosperity which will assuredly flow from the branch will come to the village, and accordingly, moved by a spirit of justice, our citizens unanimously decided to head the subscription list with the magnificent sum of ten thousand dollars, nearly half of the sum estimated by the officials of the Northern Railroad to be necessary for the construction of the new highway. This is a splendid commencement, and cannot fail to convince neighboring municipalities which are little less interested in the question than ourselves, that we are thoroughly in earnest.

Indeed the importance of the branch to a large part of Vaughan and Markham cannot be well exaggerated. These wealthy townships have it now in their power to have regular and easy communication with Toronto almost from their very doors. Instead of being at the mercy of a single buyer of their grain, given a market at Richmond Hill, and there will be a dozen eager to purchase their produce. The long, cold and dreary drives, at once costly and irksome, will become a thing that was, and both men and horses will be spared great and painful hardships.

It is needless to enlarge on the effects which the branch line will have on Richmond Hill. We are better situated than Aurora for manufacturing purposes. We are surrounded by an excellent farming country. The inference is therefore inevitable that our ambition will not be overreaching itself in hoping to become at least all that Aurora is. The debt to be incurred will in a few years be compensated for threefold by the increased value of property. The trip to Toronto will be lessened in time, and completely shorn of all its discomforts. We cannot then but wish the enterprise every success. We sincerely believe that we are throwing a sprat which will catch a herring. And we heartily hope that our villagers will not slacken in their efforts until the new line is an accomplished fact.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

Whatever may be the result of the British elections, one thing is certain. Parnell will be the arbiter of the party in power, unless Tory and Liberal alike flatly refuse his support. At present, it would appear that the Liberal vote in the next parliament will tie, if it does not exceed, the united votes of Conservatives and Parnellites. But it must not be forgotten that the Liberal party from its very nature is never as compact and as readily moved as is the Conservative. In England, there are even now harsh and conflicting elements in the Liberal ranks. A Chamberlain, with strongly pronounced radical, nay, socialistic, opinions, a Hartington who is in his timid Whiggery almost Conservative, a Gladstone with his grasping for more power for the people and his straining to leave intact the prerogatives of the crown, a Bright, finally, with his visionary schemes of universal peace—these are not the forces likely to coalesce in one single instrument for the attainment of a common object, especially as it is hard to imagine aught which such discordances could agree upon. There may be the enthusiasm of fanaticism; certainly there can be no precision of the machine.

Not so, however, is it with the Tories. The rights of the landlord,

the rights of the Established Church, these are in themselves sufficient to bind them all firmly together. They may vie with Liberals in liberality, they may out-herod Herod in promises to the Irish, but the moment their vested privileges are touched, they will be found the unflinching opponents of change. Change they may, but only with the bayonet of compulsion pressed against their breasts. But the spirit of the age, be it good or evil, is against them. The waves of democracy are now rolling high and mighty. The tide is steadily rising, with its ebb alone will Conservative ideas prevail in the country.

That partyism has become so fierce, so inextinguishable in England that rather than give up office, either Conservative or Liberal will consent to retain power on terms dictated by Parnell, is hard to believe. Indeed, Mr. Gladstone has already declared in no doubtful tones that he will never agree to any such status. Salisbury cannot but follow suit. We may therefore, safely, conclude that, whatever may be the fate of the next House of Commons, some six hundred members will point blank refuse to be a flute to be played on at pleasure by the Irish dictator. Parnell has proved himself a consummate master in managing and marshalling his countrymen. No Irishman ever wielded a nation so completely and effectually as he does the Irish. But there is a limitation of all power, and this he will specially realize when he attempts to coerce with his eighty-four followers the remaining six hundred representatives of Great Britain.

CONSISTENCY.

Neither *Globe* nor *Mail* has made a creditable figure in the French craze. The *Globe*, in its desire to rout its opponents, has signified a willingness to join hands with those whom for years it has been cursing with all a journal's vehemence. The *Mail* has not scrupled to threaten its old Bleu allies with extermination at the hands of a Protestant-English majority. Who can regard the attitudes of both without scorn and shame? Who can respect the motives of either? Whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make gluttonously greedy of office.

We know that Conservatives laugh and blush at the *Mail's* 'bloody shirt.' We know that Reformers must be shocked at the *Globe's* squinting towards the French Bleus. For ourselves, we had rather see Mr. Blake die in opposition, than gain the treasury benches by such a total abnegation of principle. When Sir John Macdonald received into his fold the late Hon. Jos. Howe, when he afterwards made colleagues of Tupper and McLellan, we had no feelings but disgust and derision. When the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie took the late Hon. Mr. Cauchon into his cabinet, we were filled with shame and indignation. Let Reformers stoop no more to such guilty practices. The government of Sir John might go to pieces to-morrow, and we should hail his downfall with joy. But that joy would be turned into bitter humiliation, if that government should be succeeded by an alliance of Reformers and any of the present French Bleus.

TEMPERANCEVILLE.

From our own Correspondent.
 Nothing of importance has transpired here lately, even the execution of Riel did not cause any riots or indignation meetings among the citizens.

The services of our public school teacher, Miss Wallace, have been appreciated to such an extent that the trustees have raised her salary for the coming year to \$400, being an increase of \$50.

Mr. Wm. Butler who bought out Mr. D. Johnson, has moved into the store, and having laid in his winter's stock of goods, is prepared to give great bargains for the good of the poor and the benefit of himself. No doubt he will be patronized by the people of this vicinity where he is known as an upright and business-like man.

Mr. R. Brimson and wife spent a few days in the village last week.

The friends of the Methodist Church are making preparations for their annual Xmas Tea-Meeting. At this distant time nothing definite can be announced, but we believe they will do all in their power to make it a success and to sustain their high reputation in the direction of Christmas parties.

(Too late for last week.)

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